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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: OVIP (KISSINGER, HENRY A.)

SUBJECT: SECVISIT TO LATIN AMERICA

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM ASSISTANT SECRETARY ROGERS

1. PLEASE DELIVER THE FOLLOWING LETTER TO FOREIGN
MINISTER CARVAJAL FROM THE SECRETARY.

2. BEGIN TEXT. DEAR MR. MINISTER: YOU ARE FULLY AWARE,
I KNOW, OF THE IMPORTANCE OF RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN
SOUTHEAST ASIA. THIS IS A TIME OF CHALLENGE FOR THE
UNITED STATES, AND FOR ALL THE FREE WORLD. I KNOW THAT
NO COUNTRY UNDERSTANDS THIS CHALLENGE BETTER THAN CHILE.
YOU WILL REALIZE, THEREFORE, THAT IT IS IMPOSSIBLE FOR
ME TO BE ABSENT FROM WASHINGTON FOR ANY EXTENDED PERIOD
JUST NOW.

3. I HAVE BEEN LOOKING FORWARD TO VISITING SANTIAGO FOR
SOME TIME. ONLY BECAUSE OF THE CRISIS IN INDOCHINA I MUST
SHORTEN MY PLANNED TRIP TO LATIN AMERICA AND I HAVE DECIDED
FOR THAT REASON TO VISIT VERY BRIEFLY ONLY THREEATLANTIC
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COUNTRIES, ARGENTINA, BRAZIL AND VENEZUELA, FROM APRIL 24

TO 27. LET ME ASSURE YOU THAT THIS CHANGE IN MY PLANS

IN NO WAY REFLECTS A DILUTION IN MY PERSONAL INTEREST IN CHILE, AND IN DEVELOPMENTS IN YOUR COUNTRY.

4. THE FACT THAT I AM GOING, EVEN FOR SUCH A SHORT TIME, SYMBOLIZES OUR COMMITMENT TO LATIN AMERICA AT THIS GRAVE TIME IN WORLD AFFAIRS.

5. I PROPOSE TO RESCHEDULE MY VISIT TO THE COUNTRIES OF THE PACIFIC. AT THAT TIME, I INTEND TO VISIT SANTIAGO AND TO MEET WITH YOU AND YOUR COUNTRYMEN IN LESS HURRIED AND DISTRACTED CIRCUMSTANCES THAN WOULD BE POSSIBLE AT THE PRESENT TIME.

6. I GREATLY LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MEETING HERE IN MAY.

7. WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS, HENRY A KISSINGER. END TEXT.

8. AT YOUR DISCRETION YOU MAY WISH AT THE SAME TIME TO CONVEY ORALLY TO THE FORMIN ASSURANCES OF THE SECRETARY'S CONTINUING PERSONAL SUPPORT FOR THE GOC ON SUCH ISSUES AS THE PARIS CLUB DEBT RESCHEDULING AND THE IBRD CONSIDERATION OF A CHILEAN LOAN.

9. WE PLAN A PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT OF THE SECRETARY'S ITINERARY ON MONDAY AT NOON.

10. THE SECRETARY HOPES TO SEE AMBASSADOR TRUCCO SATURDAY TO REPEAT THE SUBSTANCE OF THIS MESSAGE TO HIM PERSONALLY.

11. CALL ME IF YOU HAVE ANY SUGGESTIONS. KISSINGER

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